

REMARKS

The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for thoroughly reviewing and considering the pending application.

At the outset, Applicants state that the instant application became unintentionally abandoned for failure to timely reply to an Office Action dated August 1, 2006. Applicants state that Applicants did not receive any Office Action mailed August 1, 2006 and thus Applicants could not have responded to such Office Action. Accordingly, the Office Action dated August 1, 2006 has currently been retrieved from the PAIR system and carefully reviewed.

Claims 1 and 3 have been amended. Support for the amendments to the claims can be found at least at Applicants' Figure 4B and Specification text. Claims 7, 13 and 18 have previously been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-6, 8-12, 14-17, and 19-41 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Initially, the Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 3-6, 8-12, 14-17, and 19-41. Claim 3 has been amended for clarification purposes only.

The Office Action rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,587,166 B1 (to Lee et al.)(hereinafter "Lee") in view of Japanese Patent Publication JP 11-086623 to Sasaki (hereinafter "Sasaki"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claims 1 and 2 are allowable over the proposed combination of references in that each of these claims recite a combination of elements including, for example, "at least one bracket having a case part and an inverter part arranged on an external surface of the case for connecting the inverter to the case; a guide projection extending from the inverter part; and a guide hole at an end of the inverter for inserting the guide projection therein." None of the cited references

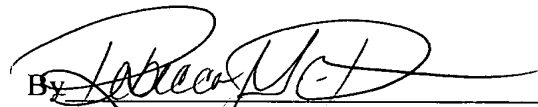
including Lee or Sasaki, singly or in any combination, teach or suggest at least these features of the claimed invention. The Examiner identifies element 234 of Lee's Figure 3 as the inverter part (Office Action at page 2). However, Lee element 234 of Figure 3 is just a corner tab with no guide projection(s). Accordingly, claims 1 and 2 are allowable over the proposed combination of references.

The application is in a condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner believes a conversation with the Applicants' representative would facilitate the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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